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REFTEL SUGGESTED EGYPTIAN PRESS MIGHT BE GEARING FOR ANTI-JORDAN CAMPAIGN, BUT VIRTUAL TOTAL SILENCE ON THIS ISSUE IN PAPERS SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26 INDICATES PRESS HAS BEEN TURNED OFF BY GOE. AT PRESENT, NEWSPAPERS OPERATE UNDER SELF-CENSORSHIP SYSTEM. WHEN EDITORS BELIEVE ANY SUBJECT IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE, THEIR PRACTICE IS TO CONTACT THE GOE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE IN THAT FIELD TO REQUEST GUIDANCE. IT IS JUST CONCEIVABLE THAT ANTI-GOJ TONE OF NEWSPAPERS SEPT 24 CAME ABOUT BECAUSE EDITORS HAD NOT REQUESTED GUIDANCE AND IN VIEW OF BOMBSHELL OF JORDANIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS HAD ASSUMED THAT THEY KNEW HOW TO HANDLE GOJ ARMS SALES STORY. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE PRESIDENT SADAT DOES NOT WANT SHARP PUBLIC MEDIA ATTACKS TO BE MADE ON KING HUSSEIN'S ACTION AND STILL HOPES HIS DIFFERENCES WITH THE KING CAN BE BRIDGED. IN ANY CASE, PRESS IS NOW CONFIDENTIAL

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QUIESCENT AND WE BLIEVE WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME GOE IS ENGAGED IN

CAIRO, NEW YORK AND POSSIBLY AMMAN IN SEEKING CONVINCE GOJ
THAT TRIPARTITE COMMUNIQUE IS CONSISTENT WITH PLEDGES MADE
TO KING HUSSEIN IN ALEXANDRIA.
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